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MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS P.O. BOX 2288 MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

AN AFTER-THE-FACT APPLICATION FOR CLEARING AND FILLING WETLANDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHUSA GOLF COURSE,

ARCHUSA CREEK, QUITMAN, CLARKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANT: Mr. Tommy Brady

417 East Church Street

Quitman, Mississippi 39355

WATERWAY: Near Archusa Creek, Quitman, Clarke County, Mississippi.

WORK: The applicant proposes to fill/excavate 18.7 acres of wetlands and 0.95 acre of waters of the United States associated with the construction of golf course, including club house, roads, golf course fairways, cart-paths and associated parking. The 190-acre tract of land contains 38.7 acres of wetlands. There were 11.7 acres cleared and grubbed, of that 5.8 acres were excavated to create shallow water and 5.9 acres were filled. To complete the project the applicant will require to fill an additional 5.6 acres of wetlands, excavate 1.4 acres of wetlands and 0.95 acre of other waters. Material to be discharged will include 75,000 cubic yards (cy) of earthen fill, 3,000 cy of granular fill, 1,000 cy of asphalt and 100 cy of concrete. It is anticipated that all of the earthen fill will be from material excavated on-site. To compensate for the impact to the disturbed 12.9 acres of wetlands, the applicant proposes that the 8.2 acres of newly created shallow water impoundment be used as mitigation. In addition the applicant proposes the creation of 7.9 acres of shallow water impoundment. To compensate for the remaining (5.6 acres) wetlands impacted, the applicant proposes the enhancement of approximately 14 acres of

wetlands at an off-site location owned by the applicant. All work will be accomplished in accordance with the enclosed drawings provided by the applicant.

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, and upon completion of the required advertising, a determination relative to certification will be made.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) can be based. curacy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services.

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicates that the proposed activity will not affect listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number MS00-01148-H-AF and should be directed to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Regulatory Branch, with a copy to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39109, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, in time to be received prior to 3 July 2000.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact this office, Munther N. Sahawneh, telephone number (334) 694-3782. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

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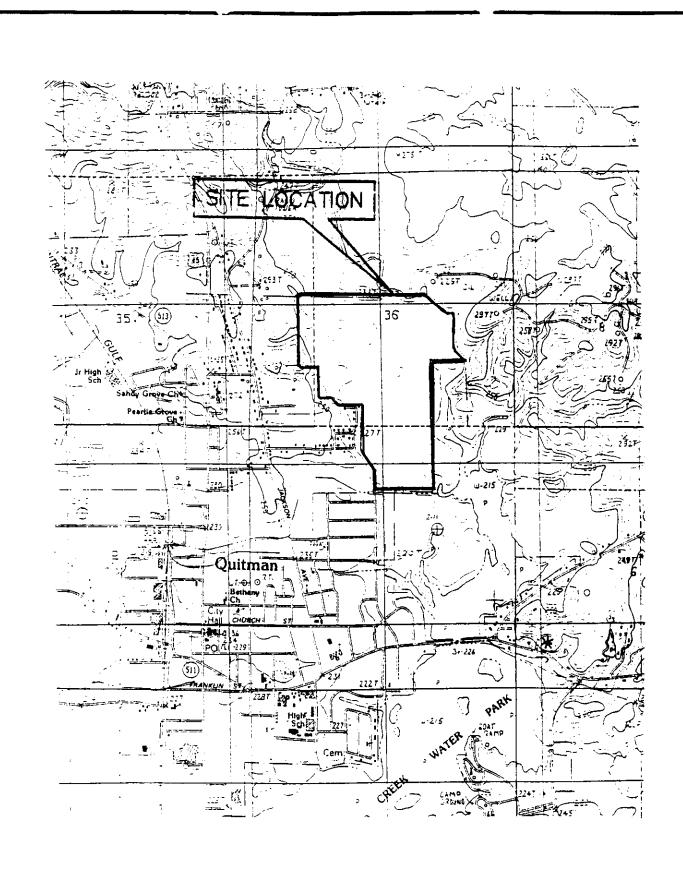
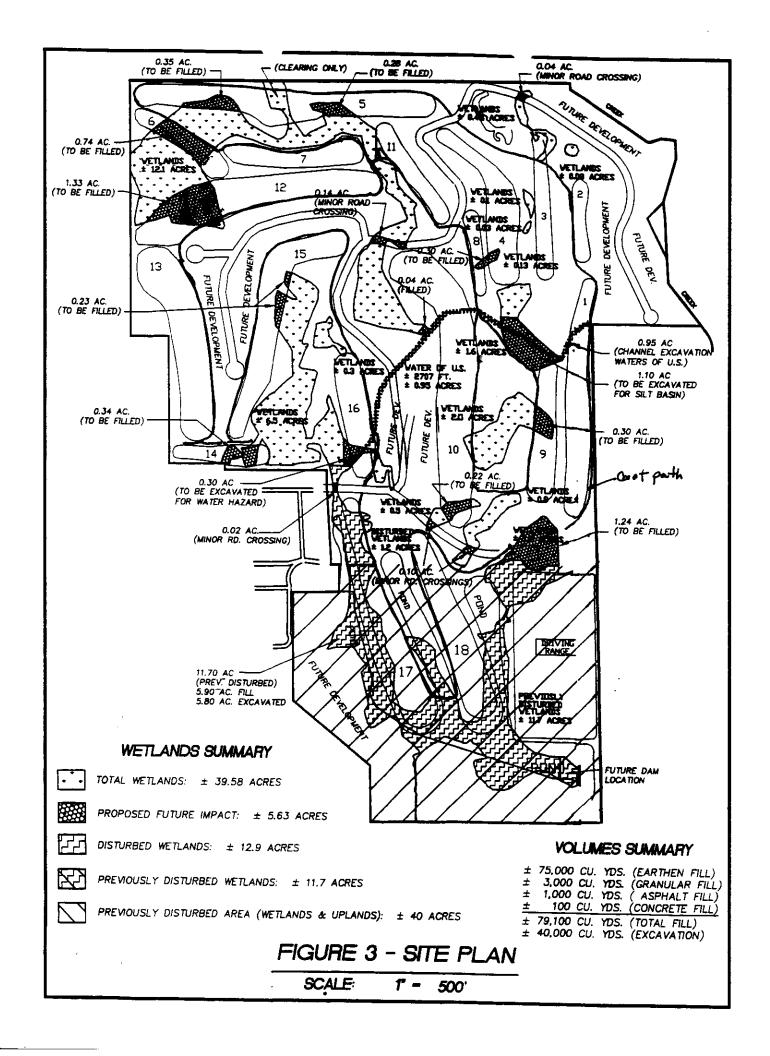
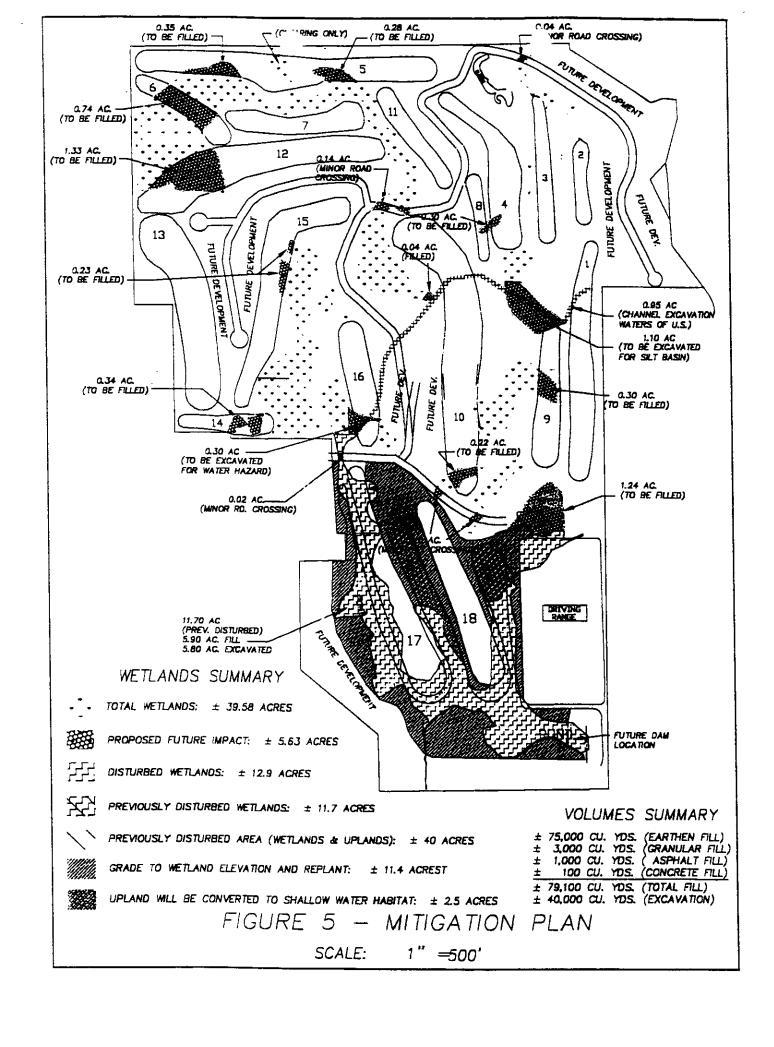
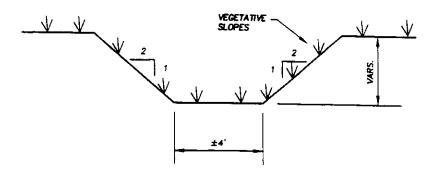


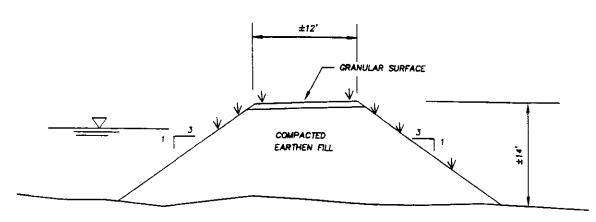
FIGURE 2 VICINITY MAP



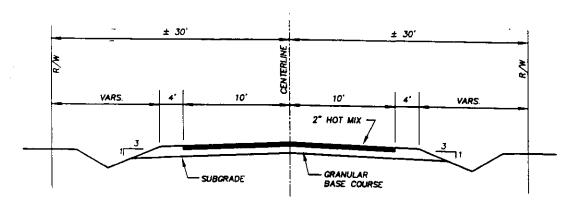




TYPICAL CHANNEL CROSS SECTION



TYPICAL DAM CROSS SECTION



TYPICAL ROAD CROSS SECTION

FIGURE 4 - TYPICAL CROSS-SECTIONS

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